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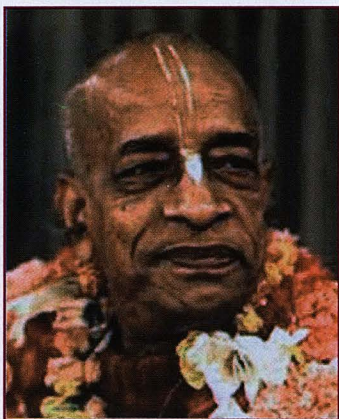
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Welcome to issue 5 of *Back to Prabhupada* (BTP), and a big "thank you" to all those who flooded us with letters of appreciation for issue 4. Many readers could not understand how the GBC, after the public humiliation of having to admit that their previous "final" position paper on how they became Gurus was full of "lies", can still have the audacity to carry on with their Guru business as usual. Well, you're in good company - because neither can we!

Some devotees feel that the Guru controversy in ISKCON is just too big an issue for them to tackle. "Why not just leave it up to Krishna to sort out?" they sometimes say. "I don't have time to get into all this arguing and bickering over legal documents, word definitions, quotes and counter-quotes; I just want to get on with my service". There are, however, several problems with this approach.

Firstly, it assumes that one can perform devotional service without even knowing for sure the identity of the current, authorised representative of Krishna through whom you are offering that very service. How can we approach Krishna, or assist others to do so (the whole purpose of all preaching), if we do not even know who the bona fide Guru is?

Secondly, it ignores a very obvious point: either Srila Prabhupada **did** want to carry on as the *diksa* Guru for ISKCON, or he **did not**. It has to be one or the other. How hard can it really be to come to a conclusion, especially since Srila Prabhupada always gave specific instructions to the GBC on how ISKCON was to function.

Thirdly, it is not our philosophy that we just "leave everything up to Krishna". What if Arjuna had this attitude 5000 years ago on the battlefield of Kurukshetra: "Please Krishna, all this fighting is too troublesome for me to get into. Since you are God, why can't You just sort

this mess out and please just let me get on with my service?"

The main thing we should consider is how Srila Prabhupada would react if he heard that people were hijacking his movement, saying he was no longer "living", posing themselves as initiating *acaryas* and stealing all his disciples. The following prophetic conversation from 1977 indicates that the IRM's approach is quite in harmony with the behaviour Srila Prabhupada expected from his followers:

**Bhavananda:** There will be men, I know. There will be men who want to try and pose themselves as Guru.

**Tamala Krishna:** That was going on many years ago. Your Godbrothers were thinking like that. Madhava Maharaja...

**Bhavananda:** Oh, yes. Oh, ready to jump.

**Prabhupada:** Very strong management required and vigilant observation.

(Room Conversation, May 27th, 1977)

This Freudian slip by two future Guru hoaxers, who proved themselves more than ready to "jump" just a few months later, was met with a clear answer from Srila Prabhupada: "**Very strong management required and vigilant observation.**" Srila Prabhupada did not say: "Oh well if it happens it happens, just let Krishna sort it out." That is how we should see things. We should be willing to co-operate, with whomever is willing, to put things back in place so that everything is managed exactly as Srila Prabhupada requested. And on July 9th, 1977 he told all the Temple Presidents and GBCs in ISKCON just how he wanted initiations to run (see BTP issue 1, page 4). If we help put his clear, signed "**management**" directive back into force, if we are "**strong**" and "**vigilant**" in doing so, then we will get the spiritual credit for

re-establishing Srila Prabhupada's mission, just as Arjuna got the credit for fighting for Krishna.

The next objection is "but what can I do?" Well, firstly please always chant 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* every day and read Srila Prabhupada's books. This will give you the spiritual strength and intelligence by which to clearly distinguish reality from illusion and to therefore effectively fight for Krishna. Next, please read all the papers on the IRM website ([www.iskconirm.com](http://www.iskconirm.com)), starting with *The Final Order* which consists of all the relevant instructions and documents from Srila Prabhupada establishing himself as the sole initiating spiritual master (*diksa* Guru) in ISKCON. On our matrix of "Defeated challengers to Srila Prabhupada" on the website's homepage you will be able to read our responses to all the main leaders in ISKCON who argue that Srila Prabhupada is no longer the *diksa* Guru. You should carefully study both the GBC's arguments, along with our responses, until you become completely convinced of what it was Srila Prabhupada wanted. If you decide he wanted to remain the sole initiating Guru for ISKCON, and that you would like to help restore him to that position in exactly the way he ordered, then welcome to the IRM - the only international organisation in the world dedicated to that purpose.

Please feel free to write to me at the following address if you have any questions, criticisms or comments: [irm@iskconirm.com](mailto:irm@iskconirm.com).

Thank you very much for taking the time to read our magazine, which we hope you find useful in sorting out the truth from the falsehoods in ISKCON today. Hare Krishna.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,

**Krishnakant, Editor**





# Letters to the Editor

"Back to Prabhupada magazine is superb. Devotees at IRM are doing super service glorifying Srila Prabhupada. I am fortunate to have such good association. All glories to IRM."

John Byrne, Ireland

"Haribol! Thank you for your service!"

Agni Elen Moe, London, UK

"I just decided to 'come back to Shrila Prabhupada' because I just read your magazine, vol #3. For some years I was living in the Iskcon temples and getting so depressed due to confusion. Over the years, I was thinking of taking initiation from different Iskcon gurus. I first wanted His Holiness Bhaktibushana Swami to be my guru, then His Holiness Sachinandanana Swami, then Ravindra Swarupa, and then some others. But something was stopping me from taking initiation. I now realize what it was.

I was not meant to take initiation from any of these devotees, but from Shrila Prabhupada. I finally realized this when I went to the Rathayatra in New York city and saw some terrible things Mother Malati did to a distributor of your "Back to Prabhupada" magazines. It was only due to my seeing the incident that I decided to ask for a copy to see why Malati Mataji became so angry to see a magazine with a picture of Shrila Prabhupada on it and reacted as she did.

From your magazine I got such a big "light of opening" and I realized what was wrong and why I was suffering so much from such confusion. I can't thank you enough for helping me. By your mercy I am now coming back to Shrila Prabhupada."

Jeanene Kary, New York, USA

"Excellent material, if possible please send more."

Stafania, Berlin, Germany

"I have read the magazine and the contents are getting better & better with each issue."

Ganesh Raj, Seremban, Malaysia

"Thank you prabhhus for publishing Back to Prabhupada Magazine. My comment is that as far as we know, Srila Prabhupada did not recommend offering any special worship to the disciples he selected to act as ritviks or officiating acaryas. Nor did he authorize the GBC to institute new forms of worship within ISKCON when he would no longer be present. The program that makes the worship of new gurus in ISKCON mandatory for newcomers has and always will be an unauthorized concoction. As you pointed out in BTP issue two, no sane devotee could possibly think that a sannyasi who illegally distributes prescription drugs to those he has initiated is acting on the spiritual platform. Nor is a sannyasi who arranges to meet privately with his female psychotherapist for a romantic interlude. While posing as pure devotees our ISKCON gurus, for the most part, require further purification to become free from material ambition and the propensity to enjoy separately from Krishna. The principle of acaryopasanam, or worship of the acarya, applies to great personalities like Srila Prabhupada, Ramanujacarya, Madhvacarya, Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Jesus Christ and others who are permanent residents of the spiritual world. Experience has shown that almost all of our non-liberated ISKCON gurus will sooner or later succumb to the enjoying propensity and become covered by darkness. Etiquette dictates that one honor them as vaisnavas by offering respectful obeisances as long as they are upholding the principles. However, to glorify ISKCON gurus by offering them a level of worship that is reserved for the maha-bhagavata will gradually turn ISKCON into a paradise for thoughtless men, and a three ring circus in the public eye."

Locananda Das, New York, USA

"Thanks for BTP. I am glad

someone uncovered the truth and gave us hope. I am with you."

Marzena Marchewka, Illinois, USA

"Going through Back to Prabhupada publications was indeed very interesting. I had no idea all that was happening behind closed doors. I must say that the IRM are doing a splendid job in cleaning out the rot in ISKCON. I wish IRM everything of the best in this noble cleansing process. Believe it or not but I read all three Volumes at least 3 to 4 times just to get to know the root of the problem. IRM is doing a splendid job. Keep up the good work."

Sudhir Mistry, Marshalltown, South Africa

"What can I say prabhu about the BTP magazines?! They are simply wonderful and eye-opening. I must say I hope that the devotees within ISKCON see what is going on and boot out the crooks. Should ISKCON fall to pieces, the so called GBC and gurus will be financially safe for the future while the devotees who are honest will be the ones hit the hardest. They will be the ones that will have to start from the bottom and work things back up like they should be in ISKCON. Has it ever occurred to anyone that the reason so many gurus, GBCs, etc. are falling down is because Prabhupada and Krsna are working behind the scenes to correct things while at the same time teaching the other devotees a valuable lesson?"

I have been associated with ISKCON on and off for quite a few years. I was just starting to visit when the new thing was for gurus to sit on vyasanas on the same level with Srila Prabhupada and I was thinking: "huh? what is this?" This was also during the time when gurus were pushing devotees to see who could collect the most laxmi by selling paintings, records, etc. I now look back and think "what happened?" Then came the problems in New Vrindavan. I am just still amazed how can devotees continue to let this go on and no one is collectively complaining

about it? It is the same way in the karmi setting. Most people are kept in ignorance by many tactics. When you keep information away from people you can easily control them. And then reading about prabhhus dealings with the Brooklyn, NY temple. They rented out the temple(?) and had bingo, parties and cookouts? Huh....I just don't understand it. Then they don't understand why people are leaving ISKCON in droves. I can tell you why. I remember when first visiting Potomac temple back in, maybe I think in early 79-80's, the temple was packed with devotees, not to mention visitors and congregation, on Sunday feasts. It was just so nice, so much activities going on and now it's sad. I remember going to one festival and it was only maybe about 25 devotees for the festival. Even the Rathayatras were nice in Washington, D.C. This was my time to get to see some of the devotees that had moved away or left the movement altogether. Now there seems not to be that many. Why don't devotees from New York come down to distribute the BTP magazines at this event? This is the time to do it! Millions of people that will have an opportunity to see Lord Jagannatha and get a BTP magazine.

Let me know how I can get a copy of The Final Order. Hari Boll!"

Donald McClelland, Virginia, USA

"I am really impressed by the work done by the devotees in publishing this message. Thank you."

Balaji Enterprises, Bangalore, India

"I have just received the new issue of BTP and I thank all the team for this wonderful work and especially Yaduraja Prabhu. I have heard some devotees asking jokingly to get more "philosophy" inside, with this one they will be well served."

Vrajananda Das, Villelongue de la Salanque, France

(Continued overleaf)



# Letters to the Editor *(continued from page 3)*

"Is it possible that you can send another couple of copies the next time so that I can hand it over to some of the other devotees who do not know about the bogus gurus and still go along with the GBC system? Really, it is unimaginable to do things against the preaching of Prabhupada, that too by the souls who are supposed to help us get away from this kali-yuga. Please do keep it up, make the world know of the bogus gurus."

A. Ramdas, Muscat, Oman

"Magazine articles have clarified to me what I needed to know. I support ISKCON IRM!"

Mildred Obregon, New York, USA

"I always believed in Srila Prabhupada as the only Acarya for this age."

Jayesh Patel, London, UK

"You are doing such a wonderful service to Srila Prabhupada. I think more truth should be revealed about the so-called gurus of ISKCON. I suggest a question and answer corner for the readers. Bravo for your excellent service! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!!"

Dhameishvari Devi Dasi, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Lauban, Malaysia

"Thank you very much for The Final Order and BTP Issue 3. Issue 2 I read at a friend's place. I am happy to hear that devotees speak up openly that something was wrong in this movement. If there is anything I can do to help you, let me know it."

Amarsa Devi Dasi, Sonnac-sur-l'Hers, France

"It's really an educating magazine. It's like a charge for the IRM devotees to continue our hard work on re-establishing Srila Prabhupada as the one and only Guru for ISKCON. I feel and suggest that at least once a year the IRM leaders should pay their visit to the IRM centres."

Radhika Devi Dasi, Selangor, Malaysia

"Good work. I love Swami Prabhupada. I want to hear. Please send vol. 3 and future issues."

Dr. Kailash Chandra, Gynea Bay, Australia

"IRM is doing good work. But when I talk to one guru, HH Navayogendra Swami, he refuses to hear anything against the GBC."

Mahesh Pandey, Gainesville, USA

"Wonderful reading alternative. Great publication. A valuable source of information which gives both enlightening and humorous thoughts never known to me. Keep up your nice work."

Michael O'Hare, Belfast, Northern Ireland

"When I went out to check my mail the other day I found this large envelope in my mailbox. I couldn't figure out what it was at first but when I tore it open to find the beautiful picture of Srila Prabhupada I was so pleased to see my new issue of your wonderful magazine. It just keeps gettin' better! I read each issue from cover to cover and then start over again. I don't know which part is my favorite but 'Mythbusters' definitely is up high on the list. That section is great ammo; believe me. I have used it many times already. I also enjoy reading what I call the contradiction page. I too really enjoy the devotee stories of coming to Srila Prabhupada. Very inspiring!"

Really, this magazine is great. It leaves no stone unturned and I can not even imagine the amount of time and research that goes into the articles. I pray that the magazines being sent to the temples are all being read even if the devotees have to sneak them to their quarters and homes. Can't wait to see the next issue!"

Rukmini Devi Dasi, Arkansas, USA

"I had a look at one of the Back to Prabhupada. I was very impressed by the information given. Hare Krsna."

Bhagavat Das, Essequibo Coast, Guyana

"Good magazine, thanks!"

Tom Wazney, Ohio, USA

"Please send me back copies of your magazines as I am very interested in what is happening to ISKCON."

Sangeeta Patel, London, UK

"I just wanted to say God bless you for making a stand for putting Srila Prabhupada back at center of ISKCON. It wasn't until recently that I even got educated on this issue. In fact I have been seeking answers about some of these questions at Audarya-fellowship and have gotten quite hostile responses and even got banned and told that I can't be a disciple of Srila Prabhupada's. I am not initiated but after reading his books I consider him to be my spiritual master. Anyway I hope I am not offending you by writing but thanks to your work my eyes have been opened to what is really going on in ISKCON and it is not a pretty picture."

Jack Eskildsen, Washington, USA

"I have begun reading in detail the magazines and 'The Final Order.' I am very glad to have received them, especially in this early stage of my own development into Krsna-consciousness. I now know better than to believe what I read of ISKCON and the GBC. Srila Prabhupada is the only Guru, and I find all I need through His words."

Bhakta Larry, Ohio, USA

"I am a school student in India. I came to US to visit during my holidays. I am glad to receive BTP from a devotee at Broadway in New York. I read some articles of issue 2 of the magazine and am really honoured to actually hear the truth. This politics is nothing new but it was not clear until you issued this magazine. I strongly support you in your work. I am sure that you will have many ups and downs in your work but you will have to face them as our spiritual master Prabhupadji did. You will have a hard time and a very hard time but you will be successful because Krishna will be with you. Remember the words Prabhupada wrote in his diary on his first trip to New York. Hare Krishna."

Shantanu Singh, India

"Thank You IRM!"

Padam K Kaware, London, UK

"Hari bol prabhuh,

Since my first contact with devotees in 1975, I have never forgotten or will ever forget Srila Prabhupada. Many years ago I had the great fortune to serve Sri Sri Radha London Isvara, Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda and Sri Sri Panca Tattva. I left the temple after spending a considerable length of time renovating paintings for the devotees to sell. Book distribution seemed almost an afterthought, and the paintings were so high on the agenda, class attendance, temple worship and japa used to suffer. Still chant japa and always will do, it is the best thing anyone has ever given me, and it helps me cope with the trials and tribulations in the material world. Having acquired all of Srila Prabhupada's lectures, addresses etc. on mp3, I listen daily on my way to and from work."

Chris Fellingham, London, UK

"We appreciate the initiative taken by you to educate the members about the path to be followed by the followers of the movement. It will please us immensely if the organization is eventually purged of the undesirable practices and persons."

O.P. Gupta, Mumbai, India

"Thank you for the magazine which you have sent me. I do not know how to thank you. You have brought enthusiasm into me. I want to know more about the movement and Prabhupada. I know I am not supposed to abuse them like this but they are not real devotees of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Do you want me to preach about this movement more in India? If yes, I will start now itself and also start dodging into the hearts of the congregations. In the service of the Supreme Lord"

Aishwarya Kumar, Bangalore, India

"Please, I would like to know more about the 'Back to Prabhupada' organization. Hare Krsna!"

Aklen Costa, Novo Hamburgo, Brazil





## Quotes, Notes and News

### Bhakti Caru Swami's last Secretary issues death threat

Following the IRM sending out an e-mail inviting devotees to request a copy of BTP 4, in which it is highlighted how in this issue of BTP the GBC admits that its "final *siddhanta*" position paper on its Guru system "stretched the truth" and contained "lies", the French IRM office received the following death threat from Bhakti Caru Swami's previous secretary, Candrasekhar Acarya:

— Original Message —

From: "Candrasekhar Acarya (das) BCS" <Candrasekhar.Acarya.BCS@pamho.net>

To: "IsKcon Revival Movement - France"

Sent: Monday, August 02, 2004 6:26 PM

Subject: Fw: GBC Admits Lies, Concedes Defeat

(Mailing List Information, including unsubscription instructions are located at the end of this message)

I wish you had put the unsubscription instructions at the beginning of the message, you filthy poisonous snake. If I ever see you, whoever you are, I'll beat you to death with a stick. You are SO envious and blind!!

It is ironic that Candrasekhar Acarya calls the IRM "blind", since it is HE who is behaving as a fanatical, brainwashed and blind follower of the unauthorized Guru system in ISKCON. He cannot see that it was the GBC itself, NOT the IRM, who claimed that the GBC's "final" position paper was full of "lies".

This behaviour by a disciple is only in keeping with the tendency of some ISKCON Gurus to respond to philosophical arguments with mindless violence. It should there-

fore come as no surprise that it was other disciples of the Guru of this disciple, Bhakti Caru Swami, who were involved in a violent armed assault against the ISKCON-IRM temple in Calcutta (see the newspaper reports reproduced in BTP1). Indeed, this same Bhakti Caru Swami pledged even MORE money and resources to launch a SECOND attack on the IRM devotees as revealed in an email of 14th May, 2001 to the ISKCON Bureau:

*"We have to remember that we are fighting a battle against Kali for Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and if we consider ourselves to be leaders ... let us find out what Dayaram Prabhu actually needs, man and money wise, and then try to provide that to him."*

(Bhakti Caru Swami, 14th May, 2001)

It is quite clear that despite all its shows of having "reformed" and supposedly left behind its violent past, THE CULT LIVES ON!

### Satsvarupa's hypocrisy in print

In the last issue of BTP we traced the sad and pathetic decline of the founder of the ISKCON Guru hoax – Satsvarupa dasa Goswami. Having been forced into publicly admitting an affair with a married Godsister after covering it up for over a year, Satsvarupa rather boldly claims that he is still a "Guru", and furthermore begs his duped disciples to "please read my books" (Letter to disciples, 10th May 2004). One would have thought that having been caught cheating his disciples by covering up an illicit affair with a married woman, Satsvarupa would have been chastened enough to at least direct his disciples to the shelter of Srila Prabhupada's books. But apparently not. In fact, so proud is he of his own books that he persistently refers to them in this letter:

*"You can keep some pictures of me and of course read my books and it is a kind of vapu"*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, 10th May 2004)

*"Every day they read my books they feel that all their questions are answered, all their doubts are removed"*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, 10th May 2004)

*"Please take this seriously...and study my books together"*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, 10th May 2004)

*"When I am gone you will have my books and each other to carry on"*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, 10th May 2004)

Yet on venturing into Satsvarupa's books, we find an outpouring of blatant hypocrisy. How, for example, could anyone take him seriously as a spiritual leader when his OWN books, which he is urging his disciples to read, condemn the exact cheating behaviour that he is now guilty of?!

*"The misbehaving brahmacari, grhastha, or sannyasi hurts the cause of religion for all people, since the bad example breeds cynicism."*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, *Vaisnava Behavior*, Gita-nagari Press, 2003)

*"If people suspect that a representative of God is cheating on the very principles he is supposed to be upholding, then how can they hear him with faith? If a man advises others not to smoke cigarettes but he himself smokes, of what value are his words?"*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, *Vaisnava Behavior*, Gita-nagari Press, 2003)

We would therefore urge the disciples of Satsvarupa to accept his own recommendation that his words have no value and instead take shelter only in Srila Prabhupada as their Guru. For as Satsvarupa further says:

*"Hypocrisy is dishonesty, and according to Srila Prabhupada's purport, without honesty there is no question of spiritual life: 'Truthfulness is the basic principle for all religions.'"*

(Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, *Vaisnava Behavior*, Gita-nagari Press, 2003)

### ISKCON leader jailed in multi-million dollar fraud

The following extract is one of several national newspaper reports relating to Nabhinandana Das (Nipan Malde), a disciple of ISKCON "Guru" Krishna Das Swami, who was a leader of ISKCON South London, an ISKCON temple in the UK:

### Investec's former tax chief is jailed for fraud

by Tom Bawden

THE former head of the UK tax advisory arm of Investec, the South African bank, was jailed for four years yesterday after siphoning off nearly £2 million from his employer in a prolonged tax fraud

Nipan Malde, 43, pleaded guilty to defrauding Investec of

£1.85 million through ten counts of obtaining a money transfer by deception between May 2000 and last October.

Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, said Malde's deception was motivated by a desire to create a new Hare Krishna temple for the Shree Shree Radha Krishna Centre, in South Norwood, London

Some of the money was sent

to religious institutions in India, where Malde often took pilgrimages to seek forgiveness for his crimes. Mr Arlidge said: "This was a man who wanted to try and raise considerable sums of money for this religious organisation. The group have a temple in a garden in South Norwood but this was not a site they could really be proud of."

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# GBC violence fails to stop worldwide preaching

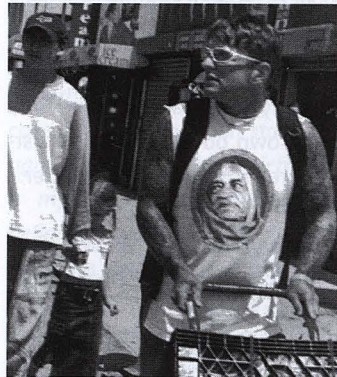
We have already described in issue 3 the daring distribution plan which resulted in over 1100 *Back to Prabhupada* (BTP) magazines being distributed during the Mayapur festival in West Bengal, India, right in the heart of the "lion's den" of ISKCON's world headquarters, whilst devotees were on *parikrama* "protected" by heavy security. In the same spirit, our brave devotees decided to distribute BTPs to the many devotees who attended *Ratha Yatra* and other festivals this summer. Though such distribution was successful with almost 4000 BTPs being distributed, such an endeavour was not without great personal risk, as you will read below!

## New York Ratha Yatra 2004, USA

15 IRM devotees from India, UK, New York, Florida and California came together at this festival to work together in passing out as many BTPs as possible. However, as soon as the devotees began passing the magazines out, they were harassed by the festival organisers who tried to get them to stop, insisting that they would call the police if they didn't. Our devotees told them to go right ahead, and helpfully pointed out the many officers nearby who were policing the event!

One of the devotees was pushing a big cart containing all the BTPs at the rear of the parade from which all the distributors would periodically replenish their supply of magazines. Following alongside him was **GBC Malati Dasi** who was following the *Ratha* cart in a van. Seeing this devotee pushing a big cart full of magazines, she began yelling at him madly, saying that he must throw all the magazines in the garbage can. This went on for a while, but he just ignored her. Then she became incensed and began spraying water at the devotee and the cart full of magazines. However, immediately the tables were to

be turned! About 5 minutes later, there was commotion as a policeman began yelling madly at Malati to get out of her van. The reason: because the van's radiator immediately began spraying water, and the policeman became worried that it could blow up. She had no choice but to comply and leave her van parked in the middle of the street. That was the end of the parade for her! It seems that after yelling at a devotee and spraying water on him and the BTPs, she got an instant karmic reaction of being yelled at and having water sprayed from her van, which resulted in her being stranded on the road!



**Jayananda Das pushing BTP cart at LA Ratha Yatra**

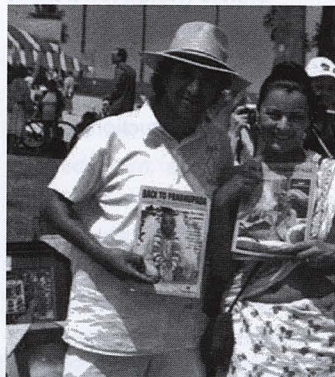
By the time the parade reached the park, virtually everyone seemed to be walking around with a magazine in their hands, having been swamped from all directions by 15 devotees and 1000 magazines! And there were still people at the park who came up to us requesting magazines, but alas we had run out.

## Los Angeles Ratha Yatra 2004, USA

Again, IRM devotees from all over the country came together in LA to work unitedly to ensure that as many devotees as possible received the truth about Srila Prabhupada's mercy being freely available to all. However just before the trip, to ensure that enough IRM New York devotees could attend, a staunch Srila Prabhupada

disciple, **Mother Akara**, who used to serve at the original 55th Street skyscraper temple in Manhattan, went out on *sankirtan* on the streets of New York and collected enough funds for herself and five other devotees to fly to the event! Not wanting to run into the same problems of running out of stock as we had in New York, this time our devotees had come armed with 1500 magazines!

Again the parade was swamped very quickly with devotees and magazines. Devotees by the dozens were reaching for BTPs. Everywhere appreciative hands were grabbing magazines and



**Two happy recipients of BTP at LA Ratha Yatra**

everyone was all smiles. There were so many BTPs in everyone's hands, and so many of us, that the usual "devotee/thug" contingent which normally tries to stop our preaching efforts with violence, didn't know what to do. They began shouting, "*They're everywhere! Don't take those!*". Of course, these shouts were drowned out by so many more shouts of "*Can I have one!*"

After a few hundred magazines were distributed, **HH Jayadvaita Swami** went into a panic (perhaps unsurprisingly, since he was exposed in BTP4 as having admitted that the GBC's philosophical justification for Guru successors "stretches the truth"), and he organised a group of devotees to go around taking magazines back from the devotees who had already received them. He then

boasted that he was going to use the magazines as "firewood". After a while, he and his team had managed to collect a boxful of magazines back, and a *brahmachari* was charged with disposing of the box. On the way, however, he was intercepted by **Ghanashyama**, one of the IRM devotees from New York. Somehow, he managed to retrieve the box from the *brahmachari*, and all the magazines were re-distributed!

Nevertheless, by the end of the day Jayadvaita Swami had managed to collect another half-box of BTPs, which was placed behind the BBT book table guarded by numerous devotees. However, as the last beat of the drum on a perfect day, the IRM's lion **Jayananda Das** walked behind the BBT table and just simply took the box away. *Nobody moved or said a word.* And quickly all these magazines were distributed again. Then Jayananda marched over to Jayadvaita Swami and said with a smile, "*You won't be able to set Srila Prabhupada on fire this winter, because I have taken all the BTPs back and redistributed them!*"

## London Ratha Yatra 2004, UK

In London **Madhusudana Das**, accompanied by **Bhakta Murray**, set out armed with boxes of BTPs. As elsewhere, most devotees were very happy to receive the magazines and hundreds were passed out very quickly. Unfortunately, this success attracted the envy of the usual thug squad masquerading as "devotees" and Madhusudana was soon surrounded by no less than eight of these "devotees" – 5 dressed in *dhoti*, *tilak* etc, aided by 3 young Indians dressed in pants. Being completely surrounded, he was unable to escape. The three Indians then attacked Madhusudana, trying to steal the BTP magazines from his grip. This attack took place on the upper level of Trafalgar Square and was watched by hundreds



of devotees, Hindus and tourists. Madhusudana is over 50 years old and was alone, and yet he was facing 8 youngsters – so you can see that these GBC goons definitely believe in a fair fight! They knocked Madhusudana to the ground but mercifully Bhakta Murray came to his rescue. He bravely rushed at the assailants frightening them off, which allowed Madhusudana time to find his feet again. And then these brave “warriors” all fled! As they were running away, Bhakta Murray pulled out his camera and took pictures of the culprits. One such picture of an assailant running away is shown here.

Due to the assault the police were alerted. They were curious to know what the problem was. Indeed, they were surprised because they were under the impression that the Hare Krishnas were peaceful types. Madhusudana asked them if he was breaking any law by distributing BTP. They emphatically said “NO!” In fact, they even offered to escort him for the rest of the parade if need be! The festival organisers told the police that the magazine was offensive because it was “racist”! So the police had a black policeman check it out for evidence of racism. This left the police completely baffled as to what was “racist” in the magazine!

Unfortunately that night, due to having been knocked down earlier, Madhusudana did have some trouble sleeping due to a pain in his left leg and ankle, but it was a small sacrifice to pay to ensure that hundreds of devotees received the truth about Srila Prabhupada as the real initiating Guru of ISKCON.

### Other festivals

These were smaller festivals attended by much less people, but they still proved fertile ground for spreading Srila Prabhupada’s message.

### Birmingham Ratha Yatra 2004, UK

As soon as Madhusudana and Bhakta Murray arrived, the local ISKCON Temple President approached them with aggression and threatened to have them “taken out” by the security. Unfortunately, this violent attitude was to set the mood for the rest of the day.

Most of the distribution here occurred due to devotees on the procession approaching Madhusudana and Bhakta Murray and actually asking them for a copy! There was also a group of young girls dressed in *saris*, sup-



**One of the violent assailants is caught on camera fleeing the scene of the crime at the Rathayatra festival in Trafalgar Square, London**

posedly *bhaktins*, who would spend most of their time rushing up to devotees who had received a magazine, retrieving it from them and then crushing it and throwing it into the garbage (despite Srila Prabhupada’s picture adorning the front cover of each issue). Luckily, our devotees spotted this and were able to recover the magazines from the rubbish piles.

The organisers asked our distributors to leave the festival site and they did, but they stayed nearby. However, that did not satisfy the GBC goon squad, five of whom who then surrounded and attacked our devotees. In fact, so vicious was their assault that they even snatched the walking stick of an elderly Indian gentleman who was hobbling past and started

beating Bhakta Murray over the head with it. Soon they were joined by about 10 more “devotee-thugs” and they also started to attack our two defenceless devotees. At this point, some sane people intervened, giving our devotees enough time to escape and make their way to a nearby shopping centre.

However, this was not to be the end. Soon a much larger force of around 20 thugs came chasing after them into the shopping centre, and knocked both of our devotees to the ground. In the process, Madhusudana cracked his head on the floor causing bleeding. Luckily

again some others intervened, and our devotees were able to escape and call the police to file a crime report.

We are grateful to Lord Jagannath that our devotees “only” suffered cuts, scratches and all-over bruising in the service of disseminating the truth about Srila Prabhupada.

### Leicester Ratha Yatra 2004, UK

As our intrepid duo Madhusudana and Bhakta Murray arrived at this *Ratha Yatra*, they spotted a van with devotees parked just behind the *Ratha* cart. They approached the driver, who immediately upon seeing them demanded “Give me a magazine!” He said they were devotees from Manchester, and he then proceed-

### Details of BTP Distribution at Festivals – No. of Copies

Los Angeles Ratha Yatra	1500
New York Ratha Yatra	1000
London Ratha Yatra	500
Leicester Ratha Yatra	250
San Francisco Ratha Yatra	130
Birmingham Ratha Yatra	130
LA Srila Prabhupada Festival	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3610</b>

ed to give them an invitation to the Manchester *Ratha Yatra*, asking them to come there and pass out BTPs!

Later, Madhusudana was standing in front of the *Rath* cart when along came a reporter from the local newspaper. He started asking Madhusudana about the festival taking notes in shorthand! The reporter was eventually given two issues of BTP.

Later, Madhusudana was attacked by six devotees who attempted to grab all the magazines from him. However, in attempting to do so, the ring-leader of the attackers fell over an elderly Indian lady nearby, and thankfully that caused such a commotion that the attack ended there and then.

Across the ocean, our Los Angeles IRM supporter, **Nimai Das**, a second-generation *gurukuli*, became so fired-up due to the successful BTP distribution at the LA *Ratha Yatra* in which he took part, that he drove all the way to San Francisco for the *Ratha Yatra* there the following week, and passed out BTPs there with the help of **Balarama Das**, a second generation *gurukuli* from Hawaii. He also had earlier passed out magazines at the Srila Prabhupada festival in Los Angeles all by himself.

As thousands of BTPs thus begin to flood the world, support for the IRM is growing rapidly on a daily basis as devotees all over the world are made aware of the truth about Srila Prabhupada which has been hidden from them for so long.

**Srila Prabhupada and BTP ki jaya!**



# Coming to Prabhupada



## Joining Prabhupada's family of patrons

by Chaitanya Thankey,  
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**B**orn into a traditional Gujarati Brahmin family, I was the youngest of seven children, four sisters and three brothers. We are a very close family, always there for each other. My father was a very hard working man, willing to help everyone and anyone he met and encouraged me to do the same. He instilled in me the virtue of fighting for justice and truth. He is the one who chose my name, which is quite unusual in a Gujarati family. My mother was a loyal wife and is devoted to her family.

Since my father died when I was twenty-one, my mother has had the most influence in my life and I owe her everything. I was obviously brought up as a pure vegetarian and followed the four regulative principles without even knowing it. I can remember all the stories that my mother used to tell me; stories of Lord Rama, Krishna, the Pandavas and Lord Siva. I would repeat these to everyone I met. Indeed, I had a very happy childhood!

I was always very interested in religion and all things spiritual, as were the rest of my family. In 1976 my brother first went to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Manor house near London, which George Harrison had donated to Srila

Prabhupada, and was amazed at seeing western devotees practising what was traditionally an eastern religion. He liked the atmosphere and was immediately attracted to the deities of Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda. He became an ISKCON Life Member straight away and started chanting 16 rounds of *japa mala*. He would tell me about Srila Prabhupada and the importance of chanting the Holy Name. From the age of twelve I started to read *Back to Godhead* magazine and started to chant at least one round of *japa* daily. So my association with ISKCON had begun.

In 1986 I gave my first pay cheque to ISKCON to become a Life Member; I also bought the complete set of *Srimad-Bhagavatam* and the *Caitanya-caritamrta* as I like to read. That same year, after the death of my father, my family became patrons of Bhaktivedanta Manor, which meant giving approximately \$1800 per annum. (The temple is largely run through the donations of such patrons). This was done in my father's memory. We also started to perform some service there, helping out at Janmastami and other festive occasions; helping to send out invitations, *prasadam* and Diwali cards. At this time I also became a member of the "Manor Youth Forum" and was encouraged to do more service for the temple and to attract other young people to ISKCON. My family members started to hold many programmes in their homes and we invited many visiting ISKCON Gurus and *sannyasis*.

In the early 1990s I started working for Lloyds Bank in the West End of London. This was very fortunate because my workplace was very near the ISKCON temple in Soho Street. I would go to the temple every morning for the 7:00 a.m. *arati* and then stay for the *Bhagavatam* class. I would also

go there again for the lunchtime programme. I met many sincere devotees who would encourage and inspire me with their enthusiasm and preaching spirit. With this daily association, my Krishna *bhakti* grew and I increased the number of rounds that I chanted to eight. The family also got involved with the campaign to keep Bhaktivedanta Manor open when the local council tried to stop the Hindu community from going there.

In 1997 I was fortunate to go to India on a pilgrimage with a group of devotees. We went to Mayapur, Vrindavan and Jagannatha Puri. We would wake up at 3:30 a.m. and attend *mangala arati*. I also started chanting at least sixty-four rounds of *japa* daily while in India. I felt a lot of inner peace and happiness. I met many new people and made lots of new friends with whom I still keep in touch with.

Back in the UK, I remember one programme where my brother invited HH Sivarama Swami to his house. Maharaja gave a very captivating lecture on the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*; the whole family became motivated and inspired. Many of my family started to chant the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* regularly. Over the coming years, after reading many of Srila Prabhupada's books, we knew that we needed a genuine Guru to further our spiritual journey back to Godhead. My brother and I had heard of many Guru falldowns in ISKCON and therefore we had many concerns about which Guru we should put our faith in. We had asked Sivarama Swami if we could have Srila Prabhupada as our spiritual master and *diksa* (initiating) Guru, which seemed perfectly natural to us since it was Srila Prabhupada through his books who was guiding us in our spiritual lives. To this question Maharaja categorically replied, "NO! You need a living Guru!". We accepted

his words as we considered him a figure of authority and someone we trusted.

As the years passed and several more Guru falldowns occurred, we grew more and more apprehensive as to which Guru we could repose our faith in; it seemed that *maya* could strike anyone at any time, even a Guru. Still we knew from the books we had read that we needed a bona fide Guru to make spiritual progress. We kept thinking about Srila Prabhupada and how his books had guided us this far. If only we had someone like him as our spiritual master and guide! However, the message from various devotees was clear: this was impossible. We decided to wait and let Krishna guide us to the right person.

Shortly after, I met a few of Sivarama Maharaja's aspiring disciples; they seemed genuine and very committed to him. During another house programme, I became convinced that Maharaja was the Guru for me and so I asked him if I could aspire to be his disciple. He agreed and asked me to keep in touch. That week I wrote a letter to Maharaja formally asking about initiation, but for some reason I did not send it. For assurance and support I asked my mother for her opinion; she told me that I should not rush into anything but to pray sincerely to Lord Krishna for guidance, for He will protect me. I did as she requested.

The following weekend I visited the temple and again prayed for some direction and maybe a sign as to what I should do. As I was leaving the temple, I met an old devotee friend who I hadn't seen for many years. He was anxious to tell me something. What he was about to tell me was something which opened my eyes and changed my life forever; and for which I am eternally grateful! He informed me that Srila Prabhupada is living in his books

**"I could not believe what I was hearing. How could devotees ban people from the temple for saying that Srila Prabhupada is the Guru of ISKCON?"**



### The Thankey family supports IRM

and is my Guru. I wanted to know more as this contradicted all that I had been told. My friend told me about a document called *The Final Order* and explained that this would give me a full understanding of Srila Prabhupada's desires and instructions regarding future initiations within ISKCON.

As soon as I read this paper, Srila Prabhupada's instructions to his movement became very clear. It was documented in black and white: Srila Prabhupada wanted all members of ISKCON to be his initiated disciples through a *ritvik* system. I wondered why no one had told me about this before? Why would anyone want to hide this fact? I wanted an explanation from the temple and to get their side of the story.

At first, I was told that the "ritviks" had got it all wrong, that they were twisting Prabhupada's words and changing the meaning of the actual orders he gave. I asked why would they do this? I was told that it was because they were jealous that Prabhupada had not chosen them to become Gurus. Then they said that there were many dozens of quotes from Prabhupada that his disciples should all become the next *diksa* Gurus, making disciples all over the world. I asked if they could provide me any specific quotes so that I could verify this? I was given some quotes, but none of them gave any such order to the effect that Prabhupada's disciples should initiate their own disciples. I was then told to read different books and papers written by different scholars in ISKCON refuting the "ritvik" version. Yet on reading them, I found that these books and papers contradicted each other. For example, one paper would say that Prabhupada named and appointed the next Gurus to succeed him, and yet another paper would say that Prabhupada did not hand-pick anyone to succeed

him! I got the impression that no one within the current ISKCON management knew *what* Srila Prabhupada wanted regarding future initiations in his Society.

I grew more frustrated with this but kept persisting and asking questions. The more I did this, the more the devotees would try and fob me off with excuses. I was told that this topic was not allowed to be discussed in the temple and that all "ritvik theory" supporters were banned from attending there. **I could not believe what I was hearing. How could devotees ban people from the temple for saying that Srila Prabhupada is the Guru of ISKCON?** I knew from this moment that the management were afraid that the IRM had information that proved that the current ISKCON Gurus were bogus and not authorised by Srila Prabhupada.

Then it became obvious to me what was going on: these Gurus wanted power and to be worshipped as good-as-God; to have their own disciples and thus accumulate vast sums of money for themselves. Events have since proved me right. The consequence was that many Gurus in ISKCON fell from their position. Srila Prabhupada's prediction had been unfolding right before my eyes – these Gurus were not properly authorised:

*"But sometimes, if a spiritual master is not properly authorized and only on his own initiative becomes a spiritual master, he may be carried away by an accumulation of wealth and large numbers of disciples."*

(Nectar of Devotion, Chapter 14, 'Devotional Qualifications').

I informed the rest of the family who were equally shocked at these revelations. We decided to cancel our annual Patron Member donation to Bhaktivedanta Manor



for hiding the truth from us, and instead we decided to support the IRM in its mission to reinstate Srila Prabhupada as the only *diksa* Guru in his own ISKCON movement, as he had specifically stated. We will not stop until this goal has been achieved! We have all noticed that the atmosphere in the temple has changed from the old days. Many of the devotees who we were close to, now do not speak to us anymore. We do not feel welcome when we go there – all because we wish to follow Srila Prabhupada!

All my brothers and sisters are materially well-off and successful in their careers; one sister is a senior executive at GlaxoSmithKline, and my eldest brother owns two health stores in North London. I have been working for Lloyds TSB Bank for nearly 19 years in various managerial roles. I am currently an IT manager. Despite all our commitments we still manage to chant and practice Krishna consciousness. Naturally, we all follow the four regulative principles. Both my brothers chant daily, and one has been chanting sixteen rounds since 1977. I myself have been chanting sixteen rounds for the past ten years.

I currently live in North London with my wife Krishna, our two children, Meera who is 15, Milan who is nearly 13 and my mother who is 76. My mother has a very special ability to grow *tulasi* (plants sacred to Lord Krishna), and we have over fifty plants throughout the house. We live in a big house

which we use to hold various IRM programmes. Last year we hosted a wonderful celebration for Srila Prabhupada's *Vyasa Puja*, with over 75 people attending from all over the UK. I also attend regular monthly IRM meetings in London. Many members of the family also give monthly donations to support the printing of this *Back to Prabhupada* magazine which is spreading the truth all over the world. All of my family give me a lot of encouragement and support in my support of the IRM's mission.

I hope that everyone who goes to an ISKCON temple, or has any interest in the movement whatsoever, will want to find out what is *really* the truth concerning the Guru issue. This battle to propagate Srila Prabhupada's instructions is a harder battle than the one in which we fought to keep Bhaktivedanta Manor from closing – for this is fighting an enemy from the inside that is trying to suppress the truth at all costs, including banning devotees from worshipping at the temple. For the sake of Srila Prabhupada and the future of ISKCON, I urge everyone to read *The Final Order* and join the IRM's cause.

**All Glories to Jagat Guru  
Srila Prabhupada!**

Readers are cordially invited to follow Chaitanya's example by sending us your story of just how you came 'Back to Prabhupada'.



# Srila Prabhupada speaks out about his Godbrothers

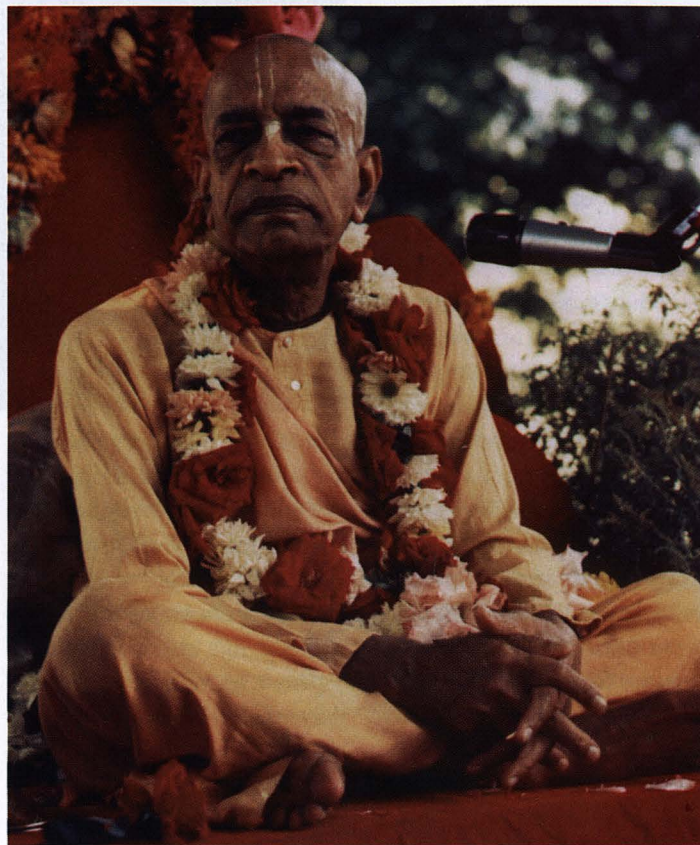
## Dead men

"My Guru Maharaja used to say, prana arthe yantra sei hetu pracara. "One who has got life, he can preach." The dead man cannot preach. So you become with life, not like dead man. Without life... Just like all my Godbrothers. They are dead men. And therefore they are envious of my activities. They have no life. If you want to make easy-going life, showing the Deity and then sleep, then it is a failure movement. (Srila Prabhupada Morning Walk July 13th, 1974, Los Angeles)

## Envious of Srila Prabhupada's success

"So these rascals, Godbrothers, they are envious that... What he has written? Bon Maharaja (one of Srila Prabhupada's Godbrothers). Just see what kind of men they are. They are not even ordinary human being. They are envious of me, and what to speak of make a judgment by estimation? They're envious. Enviousness is immediately disqualification of Vaisnava, immediately. He is not a human being." (Srila Prabhupada Room Conversation, October 16th, 1975)

"Just like our Godbrothers. They are envious. What I have done to them? I am doing my business, trying to serve my Guru Maharaja. But they are envious because I am so opulent. I have got so much fame, so many influence, so much influence all over the world. Everyone is praising me about... That is ignorance. And this is regrettable because they



are posing themselves as Vaisnava. Ordinary man can do that, but they are dressing like Vaisnava, and they are so envious. That Tirtha Maharaja, unnecessarily he was envious, whole life fighting, fighting, fighting in the court and died." (Srila Prabhupada Room Conversation, 8th January, 1977)

## Best to avoid them

"So I have now issued orders that all my disciples should avoid all of my Godbrothers. They should not have any dealings with them nor even correspondence, nor should they give them any of my books or should they purchase any of their books, neither should you visit

any of their temples. Please avoid them." (Srila Prabhupada Letter to Visvakarma, 9th November, 1975)

"So it is better not to mix with my Godbrothers very intimately because instead of inspiring our students and disciples they may sometimes pollute them. This attempt was made previously by them, especially Madhava Maharaja and Tirtha Maharaja and Bon Maharaja but somehow or other I saved the situation. This is going on. We shall be very careful about them and not mix with them. This is my instruction to you all. They cannot help us in our movement, but they are very

competent to harm our natural progress. So we must be very careful about them."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter to Rupanuga, 28th April, 1974)

"So any one of my Godbrothers cannot help me in this way of book writing because they are unfortunate in the matter of preaching work. They are simply trying to infiltrate our society to do something harmful by their attempt. So please do not have any correspondence with this Purusottama or any of my Godbrothers, so-called." (Srila Prabhupada Letter to Karuna Sindhu, 9th November, 1975)

## No need for outside guidance- Srila Prabhupada has already given everything in his books

"Regarding the Gaudiya Math books being circulated there, who is distributing? Who is sending these books? The Gaudiya Math does not sell our books, why we should sell their books. Who has introduced these books? Let me know. These books should not at all be circulated in our Society. Bhakti Vilas Tirtha is very much antagonistic to our society and he has no clear conception of devotional service. He is contaminated. Anyway, who has introduced these books? You say that you would read only one book if that was all that I had written, so you teach others to do like that. You have very good determination." (Srila Prabhupada Letter to Sukadeva, 14th November, 1973)

## IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th 1977, the International Society For Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole Diksa Guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and Diksa Guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page for order details.



# Myth-busters:

## The Guru and initiation myths

### 1) MYTH: "Diksa (spiritual initiation) can only take place when the spiritual master is present on the planet since he needs a physical body in order to absorb all the new disciple's karma (sinful reactions)."

**BUSTED:** As interesting as the above restriction to the transcendental process of *diksa* sounds, it was never once mentioned by Srila Prabhupada, and since he is our ultimate authority we can only conclude it is speculation. Furthermore:

- Srila Prabhupada taught that the spiritual master would sometimes suffer bad dreams or sickness when accepting a disciple's *karma*, but never once did he say that without such physical manifestations *diksa* was not possible.
- If it was essential for Srila Prabhupada to be physically present in order to absorb his disciple's *karma*, then that would mean that any of his disciples who may have performed even one sinful act since he physically departed is doomed to remain in the material world.
- Srila Prabhupada accepted that Lord Jesus Christ could give liberation to his followers:

*"Actually, one who is guided by Jesus Christ, he'll get liberation, certainly."* (Room Conversation, July 4th, 1972, recorded in *Perfect Questions, Perfect Answers*)

And yet Lord Jesus has not had a physical body in which to suffer such symptoms for over two thousand years.

- Ultimately it is Lord Krishna who absorbs all the sinful reactions, not the spiritual master:

*"The poor spiritual master is kind and merciful enough to accept a disciple and partially suffer for that disciple's sinful activities, but Krishna, being merciful to His servant, neutralizes the reactions of sinful deeds for the servant who engages in preaching His glories."* (Srimad-Bhagavatam 9.9.5, purport)

### 2) Myth: "According to the *pancaratrika*<sup>(1)</sup> system the Guru must be physically present at the initiation ceremony."

(Bhaktividya Purna Swami claimed this on the GBC sponsored video "Disciple of My Disciple").

**BUSTED:** Yet again the above "injunction" is never once mentioned in the entire, vast canon of Srila Prabhupada's teachings, and can therefore be safely discarded. If this were true, then thousands of Srila Prabhupada's disciples were never properly initiated since he did not physically attend many of the initiation ceremonies, as the following letter proves:

*"At your recommendation I have consented to give second initiation to both Sriman Traidās and his wife Pramada. (...) First of all you must secure one tape of me reciting Gayatri<sup>(2)</sup> mantra. (...) Then you must hold a fire yajna for the two devotees as you have seen so many times before. Then let them each hear the tape through the right ear, privately and individually (...) Then you can get the thread on Traidās's body."* (Srila Prabhupada Letter to Danavir, Nairobi, 27th September, 1971)

(1) Devotional regulations required for Deity worship and initiation

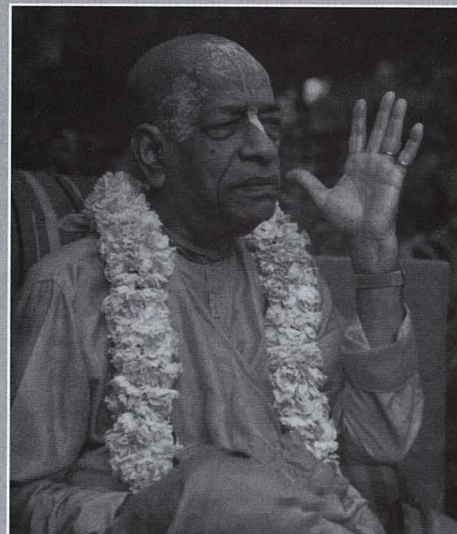
(2) Special mantra given at the time of second initiation

### 3) MYTH: "Pariksa (mutual testing and examination) between the Guru and disciple, an essential pre-initiation procedure, can only take place if they physically meet."

**BUSTED:** Since Srila Prabhupada did not physically meet many thousands of his initiated disciples, this cannot be an essential aspect of the initiation process. In most cases Srila Prabhupada delegated this examination of the prospective disciple to his Temple Presidents or some other representative. It was their responsibility to make sure new candidates for initiation were strictly following for a minimum of six months for first initiation. This approach is sanctioned in Srila Prabhupada's books:

*"In our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement the requirement is that one must be prepared to give up the four pillars of sinful life [...] In western countries especially we first observe whether a potential disciple is prepared to follow the regulative principles (...) In this way the disciple renders devotional service under the guidance of the spiritual master or his representative for at least six months to a year."* (Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla, 24.330, purport)

Generally the newcomer would examine Srila Prabhupada by studying his books.



### 4) MYTH: "We must hear the *gayatri* mantra, and spiritual knowledge in general, from the lips of the spiritual master. Therefore the Guru must be physically present in order to initiate disciples."

**BUSTED:** This idea comes from quotes such as the following:

*"When one's knowledge of mantras is received from the lips of the bona fide spiritual master, one's mantra is considered pure..."* (Hṛdyananda dāsa Goswamī's translation and purport, Srimad-Bhagavatam 11.21)

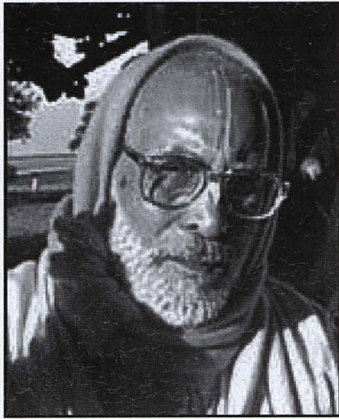
As we saw Srila Prabhupada instruct above: "First of all you must secure one tape of me reciting Gayatri mantra." So, whilst no one is denying that hearing directly from the lips of a pure devotee would be good, we can also conclude that listening to a tape must be sufficiently potent, or else why would Srila Prabhupada have sanctioned this as part of general initiation procedure within ISKCON? Srila Prabhupada also placed great emphasis on the distribution of his books, and equated "**reading**" such books with "**hearing**" directly from the spiritual master:

*"Reading or hearing from the realized person there is no difference..."* (Srila Prabhupada Letter to Punjabi Premanand, 16th April, 1976)

*"These are not ordinary books. It is recorded chanting. Anyone who reads, he is hearing."* (Srila Prabhupada Letter to Rupanuga Das, 19th October, 1974)



# The real teachings of His Holiness Narayana



**T**o many people both inside and outside the Movement, ISKCON's current Guru system is a complete farce. Perhaps predictably, all the scandal, falldowns and endless self-contradiction amongst Srila Prabhupada's wannabe successors (the 80 competing ISKCON 'Gurus') has opened the way for yet another personality, this time from outside ISKCON, with designs on Srila Prabhupada's legacy. The GBC have preached for many years that everyone must have a "living, physically present Guru" (or anyone but Srila Prabhupada), and now they are reaping their reward. His Holiness Narayana Maharaja - a disciple of Srila Prabhupada's Godbrother, His Holiness Kesava Maharaja - has had considerable success in attracting both ex and current members of ISKCON to his camp, by promoting his qualification as a "living, physically present Guru," who is bona fide and won't fall down, unlike the ISKCON Gurus. Narayana Maharaja likes to portray himself as a mere humble servant of Srila Prabhupada, who simply wants to bring everyone to Srila Prabhupada through a deeper appreciation of his mission and teachings:

*"You should know who your Prabhupada is. You should know. Then you can glorify him, otherwise you cannot."*

(Narayana Maharaja, Los Angeles, May 31st, 2000)

In this article we shall use Narayana Maharaja's own words

to see if he is bringing us closer to Srila Prabhupada.

## Narayana Maharaja Claims To Be Srila Prabhupada's Successor

Narayana Maharaja makes it clear that he is here not to bring people TO Srila Prabhupada, but to actually REPLACE Srila Prabhupada as his SUCCESSOR:

*"I am the real successor of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja, and there is no other."*

(Narayana Maharaja, Murwillumbah, Australia, February 18th, 2002)

Above, Narayana Maharaja boldly stakes out his pitch in direct competition with all the ISKCON Gurus who also want to succeed and replace, not complement, supplement or assist Srila Prabhupada.

## Narayana Maharaja Competes Directly With Srila Prabhupada

In pursuance of the above stated aim to replace Srila Prabhupada, Narayana Maharaja has urged his followers to distribute HIS books in preference to those of Srila Prabhupada:

*"Now Srila Gurudeva (Narayana Maharaja) has requested that we start what he calls 'a second revolution' in preaching and book distribution. He wants his books distributed in the same volume, 'not less than Swamiji (Srila Prabhupada).'"*

(Gaudiya Courier, Issue 15, July 1st, 2004)

Clearly the above goal of trying to match Srila Prabhupada can only be achieved if Narayana Maharaja's books alone are being distributed by his followers, and that is generally what is happening.

## Narayana Maharaja Claims Srila Prabhupada Only Gave The "Basement"

To create the demand for his services, Narayana Maharaja claims that there is much spiritual knowledge that Srila Prabhupada failed

to give, so that he can claim he has come to fill this gap:

*"So Swamiji has at first cleared the atmosphere. Prepared the ground...by preaching name and the sandesh of Gita...he prepared. So very important work...so he has done this task and it was so necessary for that world...for all world...he has done but he has not done everything by doing that. It was only basement."*

[...] But...we are deprived of that...he could not complete his work."

(Lecture given by Narayana Maharaja on September 19th, 1994)

## Narayana Maharaja Claims Srila Prabhupada Gave Everything

That the above statement is not actually true, can again be proven by the words of Narayana Maharaja himself, who said the following 17 years earlier to Srila Prabhupada himself:

*"All of your duties are completed. You have fulfilled everything in your lifetime. There is no need to worry for anything.[...] Yes, you have done everything. Nothing is left unfinished."*

(Translation of Bengali conversation between Narayana Maharaja and Srila Prabhupada from Oct-Nov 1977, provided by Narayana Maharaja's own camp)

That Narayana Maharaja would go onto say the complete opposite of what he himself claimed 17 years earlier, demonstrates opportunism of the highest order.

## Narayana Maharaja Claims Srila Prabhupada Is Not The Founder-Acarya Of Iskcon

This opportunism is further displayed in Narayana Maharaja's stating that Srila Prabhupada was not the Founder-Acarya of ISKCON. It is surely a redundant point that Lord Krishna (Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu) is the origin of all Krishna consciousness, so one wonders why Narayana Maharaja feels it so important to belittle Srila Prabhupada's position and promote his own position by

stating such an obvious point:

*"Also you should know that Caitanya Mahaprabhu is the founder of ISKCON. Swamiji, AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja is one of the prominent acaryas in this line only. He is not founder..."*

(Narayana Maharaja 28th April 1999, morning speech, Caracas, Venezuela)

*"Your Prabhupada, Srila Swami Maharaja, only changed the name into English. He is not the founder-acarya of that eternal ISKCON... I am ISKCON. I'm not different from ISKCON. I am 'Bhaktivedanta' [Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayana Goswami Maharaja]. Like father, like son. I am the real successor of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja, and there is no other. You should know this very openly. I am Bhaktivedanta and he is Bhaktivedanta, but he received this name after I did. I'm senior to him in this regard... I'm Bhaktivedanta, and I'm also ISKCON. Don't think that I'm out of ISKCON."*

(Narayana Maharaja, Murwillumbah, Australia, February 18th, 2002)

But according to Srila Prabhupada:

*"I am the founder-acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness."*

(Srila Prabhupada letter to Dr. Bigelow, Allahabad, January 20th, 1971)

## Narayana Maharaja Deviates From Srila Prabhupada - 1

Although he claims to be a successor to Srila Prabhupada, and that Srila Prabhupada is somehow speaking through him, it should be noted that Narayana Maharaja's teachings often seriously differ from Srila Prabhupada's. This is what Narayana Maharaja has to say about Prahlada Maharaja, who is worshipped on every altar throughout ISKCON as a completely pure devotee of Krishna:

*"Prahlada Maharaja was a very bona fide bhakta, and he never*





# Maharaja

wanted anything worldly, but he **could not serve Krsna**. His bhakti was mixed with jnana, knowledge of the Lord's opulence. If you have some worldly desire, or any desire, then your bhakti may be sanga-siddha bhakti or aropa-siddha bhakti, **but not pure transcendental bhakti**" (Narayana Maharaja, Hawaii, February 17th, 2001)

Yet Srila Prabhupada's verdict is very different:

"Prahlada Maharaja is the top-most example of a Vaisnava" (Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.21.47, purport)

"So we see practically how Prahlada Maharaja immediately attained the state of prema... he first of all followed the instruction of Brahma, then immediately he got the favor of Lord Nrsimhadeva, and after getting that he got the prema state."

(Srila Prabhupada lecture, Mayapur, February 14th, 1976)

"Consequently, instead of accepting the results of karma and jnana, Prahlada Maharaja simply begged the Lord for engagement in the service of His servant."

(Srimad Bhagavatam 5.24.25)

Above we see Prahlada Maharaja described as a pure devotee who actually shunned the results of jnana (knowledge).

## Narayana Mahara Deviates From Srila Prabhupada - 2

Narayana Maharaja claims that Advaita Acarya (one of the associates of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu) was incapable of giving people Vraja-Bhakti (pure devotion to Krishna):

"Sri Advaita Acarya...He is a part of the part of the part of the part of Krishna. Being so far away, He can preach with kirtana, but **He cannot give Vraja-bhakti. Never. He is not qualified for this. Only Krishna can do this.**"

(Narayana Maharaja, Los Angeles, California May 31, 2000)

Contrast the above with the following verse from the *Sri Caitanya-caritamrta* as presented by Srila Prabhupada:

"He (Advaita Acharya) delivered all living beings by **offering the gift of Krishna-bhakti** (pure devotion to Krishna). He explained Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam in the light of devotional service."

(Srila Prabhupada, *Caitanya-caritamrita*, *Adi-lila* 6.28)

Thus Narayana Maharaja again disagrees with the *siksa* (instruction) given by Srila Prabhupada, even though he also rather immodestly claims to be his "dearliest *siksa* disciple". (There are more examples of such contradictions on the back page of this magazine).

## Narayana Maharaja Claims Srila Prabhupada Asked Him To Guide His Disciples

Narayana Maharaja has claimed that Srila Prabhupada ordered him to instruct Srila Prabhupada's disciples:

"He ordered me, 'Help my disciples' [...] You can get that cassette. [...] If anyone does not have belief in my statements, he can acquire and hear the cassette. At the time he spoke in Bengali so that others would not understand."

(Salt Spring Island, Canada, April 2001, pm)

This claim is based on Srila Prabhupada stating "you kindly instruct them on this matter" to Narayana Maharaja, during a Bengali conversation spoken between the two sometime in October-November 1977.

However, as will be seen from the full translation of this conversation provided by the Narayana Maharaja camp themselves, Srila Prabhupada does not say anything of the sort. Whilst reading the relevant portion of the conversation

below, please pay special attention to whom the word "**them**" in the above sentence refers to; what was the "**matter**" on which Srila Prabhupada wanted Narayana Maharaja to give instruction; and "**when**" this instruction was meant to be given:

**Srila Prabhupada:** Are any of my god-brothers in Vrindavana now?

**Narayana Maharaja:** Yes.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Who?

**Narayana Maharaja:** Van Maharaja might be there, as well as Indupati Prabhu from Caitanya Gaudiya Matha.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Any more?

**Narayana Maharaja:** Only these two at the moment.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Who is Indupati?

**Narayana Maharaja:** Indupati. He comes here often.

**Bhakticaru Swami:** From Madhava Maharaja's matha?

**Narayana Maharaja:** Yes. No one else is here.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Please call both of them. Van Maharaja and him.

**Narayana Maharaja:** This is very good proposal by you.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Please sit down. They will call them.

**Narayana Maharaja:** All right.

**Srila Prabhupada:** This cutting of arguments happens sometimes...

**Narayana Maharaja:** These are insignificant matters in such a substantial worldwide mission. A little something here and there is of no consequence.

You have done this wonderful preaching work for the benefit of the whole world. There was no self-interest. You did everything only in devotional service to Krsna - for benefiting all people at large.

**Srila Prabhupada:** It is all by your blessings.

**Narayana Maharaja:** You have done a wonderful thing. It is necessary to care for and

preserve this mission, and see that it is managed skilfully.

**Srila Prabhupada:** You kindly instruct them on this matter. I'm unable to speak.

When we see the sentence in context, those three aspects become clarified:

1) The word "them" refers to Srila Prabhupada's **Godbrothers** who were to arrive shortly, **not** to Srila Prabhupada's disciples. The word "**them**" comes twice before the final sentence, and both times it refers to his Godbrothers, Indupati Prabhu and Van Maharaja.

2) The "**matter**" on which Srila Prabhupada wanted Narayana Maharaja to instruct his Godbrothers was that they forgive him for any "**cutting of arguments**" he may have done in the course of his preaching.

3) And "**when**" was this instruction to be given? There and then. Immediately after Srila Prabhupada asks Narayana Maharaja to give instruction he states: "I'm unable to speak." This is the reason he is asking Narayana Maharaja to make these points to his Godbrothers on his behalf when they arrive.

So here we clearly see a false claim made by Narayana Maharaja to promote his agenda as being the "real successor" to Srila Prabhupada.

In conclusion, on the basis of all the above, it is clear from Narayana Maharaja's OWN WORDS that he is not simply a "dearliest *siksa* disciple" of Srila Prabhupada whose aim is to help to bring us closer to Srila Prabhupada. Rather he is no different to the 80 wannabe "successor Gurus" of ISKCON, doing and saying whatever is necessary to jockey for Srila Prabhupada's position. For all our papers on Narayana Maharaja, please go to the IRM website at [www.iskconirm.com](http://www.iskconirm.com) and click on the Narayana Maharaja button in our matrix of defeated challengers to Srila Prabhupada.



# The evidence continues: What do the books say? (part 2)

In the last issue we showed how the quotes from Srila Prabhupada's books shown here prove that the *ritvik* system which was in place during Srila Prabhupada's physical presence, with Srila Prabhupada alone as ISKCON's only *diksa* Guru, should continue for ISKCON's lifetime. We will now also demonstrate conclusively that the same quotes also prove that ISKCON's current multiple Guru system was *never* meant to be followed in ISKCON.

In dissecting ISKCON's current multiple Guru system we find a two stage, multi-step process that differs radically from the system Srila Prabhupada sanctioned for ISKCON in his books:

## Stage 1

1. New *bhaktas* first accept Srila Prabhupada as their principal *siksa* Guru for the first 6 months.
2. Srila Prabhupada's *pranama mantra* will be by chanted during this initial induction period.
3. During this trial period the *bhakta* must demonstrate his ability to follow the 4 regulative principles, chant 16 rounds and attend the morning programme.
4. By the end of these 6 months he must pass an examination.
5. Having passed these hurdles satisfactorily, the local temple authority will give a recommendation to that effect.
6. The candidate is now qualified to enter stage 2.

## Stage 2

1. Entry to stage 2 signifies that one is ready and qualified to choose a Guru.
2. However, the selection can only be made from a list generated through the GBC's

*"In our Krsna consciousness movement, the requirement is that one must be prepared to give up the four pillars of sinful life: illicit sex, meat-eating, intoxication and gambling. In Western countries especially, we first observe whether a potential disciple is prepared to follow the regulative principles. Then he is given the name of a Vaisnava servant and initiated to chant the Hare Krsna maha-mantra, at least sixteen rounds daily. In this way the disciple renders devotional service under the guidance of the spiritual master or his representative for at least six months to a year. He is then recommended for a second initiation, during which a sacred thread is offered and the disciple is accepted as a bona fide brahmana."*  
(*Caitanya-caritamṛta*, Madhya 24:330)

elaborate majority vote "no objection" procedures.

3. When ready, the candidate will make his choice and inform his local authority.
4. The candidate then requires the formal acceptance of his chosen Guru.
5. Once this approval is obtained, the candidate will change the *pranama mantra* of Srila Prabhupada being chanted to that of his newly chosen Guru.
6. The purpose of stage 2 is for mutual testing between Guru and disciple to determine each other's qualifications.
7. One will then have to follow strictly for at least another 6 months.
8. At any time during stage 2, both the prospective disciple and Guru can reject each other.
9. At the end of the second 6 month period, the local authority must give his

*"Due to the necessity of these activities, we do not immediately initiate disciples in the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. For six months, a candidate for initiation must first attend arati and classes in the sstras, practice the regulative principles and associate with other devotees. When one is actually advanced in the purascarya-vidhi, he is recommended by the local temple president for initiation. It is not that anyone can be suddenly initiated without meeting the requirements. When one is further advanced by chanting the Hare Krsna mantra sixteen rounds daily, following the regulative principles and attending classes, he receives the sacred thread (brahminical recognition) after the second six months."*  
(*Caitanya-caritamṛta*, Madhya 15:108)

formal approval for the initiation to take place.

10. Even at this stage the Guru, if he so wishes, can reject this recommendation and not proceed with the initiation.

(All the above details are taken from official GBC papers on the subject).

Given a multiple-Guru system as present in ISKCON, the elaborate procedural arrangements of **stage 1** and **stage 2** are absolutely essential. The far more streamlined system alluded to by Srila Prabhupada in the above quotes can only be applicable within a **single-guru** system, where there is just one Guru in the movement who is known to everyone, and who will automatically initiate anyone who is willing to follow strictly. This is why Srila Prabhupada makes no mention of the disciple needing to *choose* a Guru and then obtaining permission from the chosen Guru before aspiring to him, or of the disciple needing a period to "test" the Guru; steps which would be *essential* in a

*"Thus in the beginning the students of our Krsna consciousness movement agree to live with devotees, and gradually, having given up four prohibited activities-illicit sex, gambling, meat-eating and intoxication-they become advanced in the activities of spiritual life. When one is found to be regularly following these principles, he is given the first initiation (hari-nama), and he regularly chants at least sixteen rounds a day. Then, after six months or a year, he is initiated for the second time and given the sacred thread with the regular sacrifice and ritual."*

(*Caitanya-caritamṛta*, Adi 17:265)

new multi-Guru system, and without which the system could not function. These stages could only be omitted if there was only *one* initiating Guru, who was always *the same person*, and who was already known to be bona fide. It should be obvious that since such a singular system is described in Srila Prabhupada's books, which perfectly describes the system in place when Srila Prabhupada was on the planet (and meant to be continued throughout ISKCON's lifetime), that Guru being referred to *must* be Srila Prabhupada. Thus Srila Prabhupada's prescribed system differs completely from the current GBC Guru system in both essence and detail.

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# ISKCON Guru wars continue

**R**eaders of BTP 2 may recall the "Guru wars" article in which we quoted one ISKCON Guru, Bhakti Tirtha Swami, complaining at being called a "demon" by another so-called Guru, Bhakti Vikash Swami. Since our exposé the Gurus have tried to keep their attacks on each other out of the public eye. However, as we shall see, seething just beneath the surface the enmity continues unabated.

Jayapataka Swami is one of the original eleven disciples appointed by Srila Prabhupada to act as a *ritvik* (priest) in his letter of

ANY of Srila Prabhupada's "literatures" to deter him from amassing over 5,000 disciples, far in excess of any other ISKCON Guru hoaxer. But still, so far as the GBC are concerned, Jayapataka should be a wonderful success story, right? Well, no actually - wrong. The trouble started when he began approaching and writing to the disciples of other ISKCON Gurus, sending them his blessings and offering to act as their spiritual guide. He was cautioned by the Executive Committee (EC) of the GBC in an extraordinary meeting to deal with the crisis, but to little

*are in my regular prayers whenever I pray to the Deities. (...) Please find attached a picture of myself sending you blessings. I hope this finds you blissful in Krishna consciousness and healthy.*

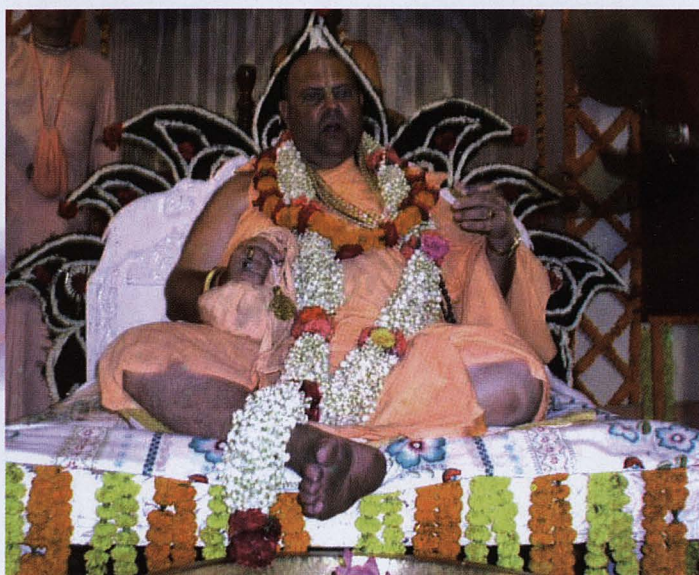
*Your well wisher always,  
Jayapataka Swami"*

When the GBC last tried to curtail Jayapataka's lavish worship in 1999, he encouraged hundreds of his followers to surround the GBC as they met at their headquarters in Mayapur, thus intimidating them into allowing his daily Guru *puja* (worship) to continue. Now

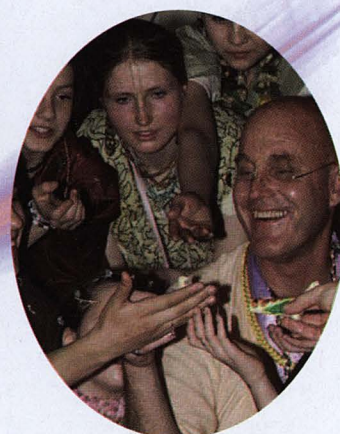
complain about Jayapataka are all hypocrites themselves since they have been stealing disciples from Srila Prabhupada for nearly thirty years. And is it not the very height of hypocrisy that Sivarama Swami does absolutely nothing to warn the many thousands of Jayapataka's hapless disciples that they are offering daily worship to a "sick, obsessed, duplicitous liar", whilst at the same time immediately kicking out of ISKCON any poor soul who happens to want to follow Srila Prabhupada's July 9th directive - and thus become the authorized disciple of a truly



**Sivarama Swami: calls Jayapataka a "sick person" who is "obsessed"**



**Jayapataka Swami: accused by other "Gurus" of being on a disciple grabbing rampage**



**Indradyumna Swami: requests Jayapataka to not "send such letters to any of my disciples in the future."**

July 9th 1977. He once claimed in an offering to Srila Prabhupada:

*"In your transcendental literatures you repeatedly mention how you hope for the day when all your followers will be initiating spiritual masters, initiating even 10,000 or more disciples into the Guru parampara."*

(Jayapataka Swami, 1998 Vyasa Puja offering to Srila Prabhupada)

Jayapataka has not allowed the fact that the above instruction is not mentioned even once, not to speak of "repeatedly", in

avail. Here is one angry complaint from Indradyumna Swami, whose disciples were so propositioned:

*"I would like to request you not to send such letters to any of my disciples in the future. I feel these letters are in the mood of canvassing for followers and are contrary to the restrictions imposed on you recently by the EC."*

Indradyumna Swami

Here is part of Jayapataka's letter that caused the offense:

*"Happy Birthday to you! You*

many ISKCON Gurus think he has become completely crazed by the ambition to acquire worshippers, and is rampaging around the world in a frenzied attempt to beg, borrow or steal disciples from anyone he can. As Sivarama Swami, another GBC voted-in Guru, stated about Jayapataka: **"he is a sick person" and "obsessed"**. He further added for good measure that Jayapataka's obsession **"makes lying or duplicitous behaviour fully reconcilable with service to Prabhupada."**

Of course, the Gurus who

great personality? The reason for such political behaviour might be that should yet another high profile ISKCON Guru come crashing down it would reflect badly on all the bogus, unauthorized ISKCON Gurus, including Sivarama Swami. Another ISKCON Guru recently complained that Jayapataka was "putting together his own cult within our society", yet that is precisely what they are all doing, only apparently less successfully.

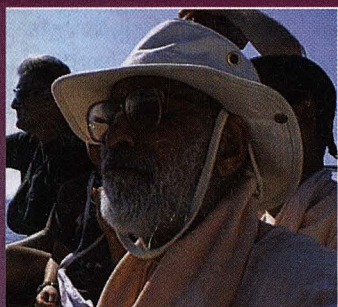
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# ISKCON Leaders Use Narayana Maharaja To Support Guru Hoax

A hoax by definition has no substance, built as it is on a foundation of lies and fabrication. A perfect illustration of how the great Guru hoax operates is the GBC's exploitation of His Holiness Narayana Maharaja, a member of the Gaudiya Matha. In 1990 they used an interview with Narayana Maharaja, conducted by former GBC chairman **Ravindra Svarupa das**, to try to crush support for Srila Prabhupada's *ritvik* system of initiation. Narayana Maharaja happily obliged, but was later hypocritically dumped and blackballed as a "talented pretender or imposter" (1998 when he became too popular) by the very same person who had interviewed him, Ravindra Svarupa das! Below are Narayana Maharaja's comments as printed in the GBC's 1990 *ISKCON Journal*:

## ISKCON Publication Contradicts ISKCON Founder-Acarya!



**Narayana Maharaja**

"I have not seen the word "ritvik" in our Vaisnava dictionary... We have seen no such word as "ritvik"... In our Gaudiya Vaisnava line there is no ritvik..." (Narayana Maharaja, p.23, *ISKCON Journal* 1990)

The word "ritvik" and its derivatives appear more than 30 times in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, the most important Purana for all Vaishnavas:

*Ritvik*: 4.6.1 / 4.7.16 / 5.3.2 / 5.3.3 / 5.4.17 / 7.3.20 / 8.20.22 / 9.1.15.

*Rtvijah*: 4.5.7 / 4.5.18 / 4.7.27 / 4.7.45 / 4.13.26 / 4.19.27 / 4.19.29 / 5.3.4 / 5.3.15 / 5.3.18 / 5.7.5 / 8.16.53 / 8.18.21 / 8.18.22 / 9.4.23 / 9.6.3.

*Rtvijam*: 4.6.52 / 4.21.5 / 8.23.13 / 9.13.1.

*Rtvigbhyah*: 8.16.55.

*Rtvigbhih*: 4.7.56 / 9.13.3.

(Srila Prabhupada, *Srimad-Bhagavatam*)



**Srila Prabhupada**

"Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura has not mentioned that so many others will do acarya, yet they have done. This is the system... So Tirtha Maharaja, Madhav Maharaja, Sridhar Maharaja, our Gurudeva, Swamiji- Swamiji Bhaktivedanta Swami- **they all became acaryas.**" (Narayana Maharaja, p.23, *ISKCON Journal* 1990)

"Actually amongst my Godbrothers **no one is qualified to become acarya.**" (Srila Prabhupada letter, 28.4.74)

"And for a newcomer, it is sure that he should be initiated by a living guru... In the parampara system living guru is essential." (Narayana Maharaja, p.22, *ISKCON Journal* 1990)

**"What we have heard from the Spiritual Master, that is living."** (Srila Prabhupad, lecture, 69/01/13)

"...one has to associate with liberated persons **not directly, physically,** but by understanding, through philosophy and logic, the problems of life." (*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 3:31:48)

"So there are two kinds of association: physical and preceptorial. **Physical association is not so important as preceptorial association.**" (Srila Prabhupada letter to Govinda Dasi, 18/8/69)

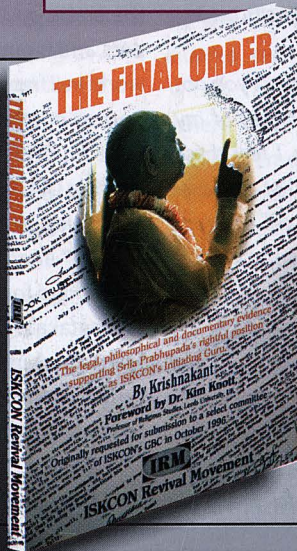
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